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SUBJECT: JANUARY 21 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. INDOCHINA

EXEC DIR DEFENDS CRS AGAINST CHARGES THAT AGENCY SUPPORTED
US/SVN MIL ACTIVITIES. BISHOP SAYS CRS CARRIED OUR "TRE-
MENDOUS MISSION OF MERCY;" CALLS REPORTS MISLEADING THAT CRS
USED FOOD AID FOR MIL RATHER THAN CHARITABLE PURPOSES;
DENIES COLLABORATION W/MIL INTELL/CIA OPNS (RNS, WP).

2. THAILAND

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POLICE CLOSE BANGKOK'S 2ND LARGEST PAPER FOR PRINTING 2
ARTICLES CRITICAL OF INTERIOR MINISTER SAMAK SUNARAVEJ
(AP, WP).

3. CHINA

PEKING PAPER SAYS PRC SUCCEEDED IN MAKING MISSILES W/NUKE

WARHEADS (AP TOKYO).

INCREASING SIGNS PRC'S MOST FAMOUS SPORTSMAN, TABLE TENNIS
STAR CHUANG TSE-TUNG, IN POL DIFFICULTIES DUE BEING LINKED
W/CHIANG CHING/PURGED RADICALS (CSM).

4. PACIFIC ISLANDS

TONGA'S KING WINDS UP OFFICIAL VISIT GUAM AFTER TOURING
MIL FACILITIES/TRYING DRUM UP MKT FOR FRUIT BATS, EATEN
ON TONGA (NYT).

5. AUSTRALIA

AUSSIE SAILOR CHARGED IN CONNECTION W/FIRE THAT DESTROYED
12 OUT OF 13 RAN ANTISUB PLANES (AP, NYT).

US DEPT JUSTICE SAYS ANTI-TRUST INVESTIGATION AUSSIE
PUBLISHER MURDOCH'S RECENT NY ACQUISITIONS IS "PURELY
EXPLORATORY" (CSM).

6. EA REACTION TO CARTER PRESIDENCY

JAPAN TRADE COUNCIL, CONCERNED W/US TARIFF POLICY, URGES
NEW PRES TO KEEP US MKT OPEN TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES (TRE-
WHITT, SUN). PM FUKUDA SENDS CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE,
SAYS CONFIDENT WOULD BE ABLE COOPERATE CLOSELY IN PRO-
MOTING FRIENDSHIP (REUTER).

AUSSIE FM PEACOCK, DURING SINGAPORE VISIT, TELLS PRESS
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HE HOPES FOR MORE HARD-HEADED/REALISTIC LINE FROM CARTER
CONCERNING USSR, MORE MEANINGFUL DIALOG BETW INDUSTRIAL
NATIONS/3RD WORLD, MORE CONSULTATION W/"NATURAL ALLIES"
AUSTRALIA/NZ/JAPAN/W EUR (REUTER).

PHILS' MARCOS IN CONGRATULATORY TEL SAYS DEVELOPING
WORLD HOPES CARTER'S LEADERSHIP WOULD BRING ABOUT MORE
EQUAL SHARING WORLD'S RESOURCES/PREVENT CONFLICT (REUTER).

7. KOREA

OUTGOING FORD ADMIN GIVES UK'S BURMAH OIL CO ASSIST BY
GUARANTEEING 730 MILL DOLS IN LOANS TO HELP GEN DYNAMICS
BUILD 7 LNG TANKERS IN WHICH BURMAH SUBSIDIARY WILL
CARRY LNG FROM INDONESIA TO JAPAN. FORMER COMMERCE
SEC'Y RICHARDSON DECIDED ISSUE AFTER REVIEWING JUSTICE/
SEC INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS RE QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS BY
BURMAH TO TONGSUN PARK (REUTER 1/19, AP NYT 1/20,
SUN'S HELEWICZ 1/20). -

UPI/SEOUL (JOC 1/20) REPORTS DPM NAM SAYS ROK ECON WILL GROW 10 PERCENT IN 1977/GNP WILL RISE 22 PERCENT SAME PERIOD. NAM ALSO SEES FX HOLDINGS RISING TO ALL-TIME HIGH OF 3.7 BILL DOLS THIS YR.

WP'S CLAIBORNE, IN ARTICLE "YOU HAVE TO BE A LITTLE CRAZY TO PUBLISH ANOTHER NEWSPAPER IN NEW YORK," COVERS FIRST 2 WKS OF UNIFICATION CHURCH'S FULL-COLOR 24 PG "THE NEWS WORLD." CHURCH MENTIONED NOWHERE IN PAPER/WP SURVEY FINDS MOST MAJOR FIRM ADS IN PAPER PRINTED W/O FIRMS' KNOWLEDGE OR PAYMENT.

WP (1/20) CARRIES QUARTER-PG ANTI-ROK AD, "LETTER TO JIMMY CARTER," SIGNED BY 14 PRO-NK EXPATRIATE ASSOCS JAPAN/PLACED ON THEIR BEHALF BY GAKRJ.

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8. JAPAN

CABINET FORMALLY APPROVES 98.14 BIL DOL BUDGET FOR FY'77, DESCRIBED BY FUKUDA AS RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC/INTL EXPECTATIONS. BUDGET UP 17.4 PCT OVER ORIGINAL REQUEST WILL BE SUBMITTED TO DIET LATER THIS MONTH (WP, WSJ). KAMM (NYT) ADDS ALL 5 MAJOR OPPOSITION PARTIES IMMEDIATELY DENOUNCED BUDGET, SAYING PROPOSED TAX CUTS INADEQUATE; BUSINESS ORGS RESPONDED FAVORABLY.

LOCKHEED PROSECUTORS INDICT HAWAII HOTEL TYCOON OSANO FOR PERJURY, BRING FURTHER TAX EVASION CHARGES AGAINST RIGHTIST LOBBYIST KODAMA. PROSECUTORS SAY ACTIONS WIND UP YR-LONG LOCKHEED PROBE (UPI).

BRITISH SHIP CARRYING ARMS EXHIBIT REFUSED ENTRY TOKYO HARBOR. SPOKESMAN FOR CITY GOV SAID VISIT WOULD TOUCH OFF OPPOSITION THAT WOULD CONSTITUTE DISCOURTESY TO UK (REUTER, WP).

CUBA ASKS FOR YR'S DELAY IN SHIPMENTS 150 MIL DOLS WORTH JAPANESE EXPORTS DUE CUBA'S DEPLETED FON CURRENCY RESERVES (CULLISON, JOC; WP).

JAPAN AGREES PROVIDE IRAQ W/1 BIL DOLS CREDIT TO HELP INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN RETURN FOR STABLE OIL SUPPLY (WSJ)

MITI REPORTS '76 LICENSED IMPORTS TOTALED 68.47 BIL DOLS, UP 151.1 PCT OVER '75 (UPI, CHITRIB).

GOJ FOOD POLICY OFFICIAL SAYS COUNTRY WILL LEAN TOWARDS

SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN FUTURE DUE CONCERN OVER FOOD SECURITY. HOWEVER, EXPERTS AGREE JAPAN WILL CONTINUE IMPORTING LARGE AMTS US WHEAT (UPI, JOC).

FORD PARDONS TOKYO ROSE 1/19; STORY CARRIED IN MOST PAPERS
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MALCOLM (NYT) DOES ARTICLE ON 11-YEAR CULTURAL/BUSINESS EXCHANGE, ENTHUSIASTICALLY BACKED BY CARTER, BETWEEN GEORGIA AND KAGOSHIMA. NOTES AS RESULT, KAGOSHIMA CITIZENS TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN CARTER--ALMOST AS IF "LOCAL BOY MADE GOOD."

9. INDONESIA

JAKARTA SUFFERS FROM WORST FLOOD IN 50 YRS. ONE PERSON KILLED, AT LEAST 100,000 DRIVEN FROM HOMES (AP, WP; UPI, CHITRIB).

10. PHILIPPINES

IMELDA MANAGES SELL NEARLY ENTIRE YEAR'S PHILS SUGAR CROP, W/SALES TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AT HIGHER-THAN-MARKET PRICES. SALES INCLUDE 100,000 METRIC TONS TO LIBYA, 600,000 TONS TO USSR, 450,000 TONS TO PRC (NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. AUSTRALIA

REUTER'S LEE DOES FEATURE RE UPSURGE OF INTEREST IN ABORIGINAL ART--SAYS PAINTINGS GREAT ABORIGINAL ARTISTS BEING SEEN AS PRIME EXAMPLE UNIQUE ART FORM (LAT 1/18).

12. PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

REUTER'S STAYTE DOES ITEM ON CATHOLIC MISSIONARY WORK THAT BLENDS CHRISTIANITY W/ MELANESIAN TRIBAL HERITAGE. FINDS IT GROWING TREND AMONG PNG CHURCHES (WP).

13. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

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SHARKEY (WP) SAYS VN RECEIVED AID COMMITMENTS OF PERHAPS

OVER 6 BILLION DOLS OVER PAST 2 YRS, W/3 BILLION FROM USSR.
NOTES US WILL PROVIDE AID INDIRECTLY THRU INTL ORGS.
QUOTES ANALYSTS THAT VN'S AID CAMPAIGN AGGRESSIVE/FLEXIBLE/
PRAGMATIC. MENTIONS OBSCURITY SURROUNDING PRC AID TO VN.
BELIEVES 1 HANOI OBJECTIVE IS TO LESSEN DEPENDENCE ON
ANY SINGLE AID SOURCE. ADDS SOME EXPRESS DOUBTS OVER
INABILITY ABSORB PROMISED AID, SINCE DECISIONS MADE BY
SMALL/SLOW-MOVING GROUP. TREWHITT (SUN 1/20) REPORTS
PRES-ELECT CARTER'S INAUGURATION ANXIOUSLY AWAITED BY
VN DUE EXPECTED EARLY DECISION ON RECONSTRUCTION AID FROM
US. QUOTES ANALYSTS THAT IMPROVEMENT IN RELS COULD COME
QUICKLY. NOTES VN'S POSTWAR POL BEHAVIOR MIXED, HAS
CREATED PARADOX IN US ATTITUDES.

SOUTHERLAND (CSM) DESCRIBES NEW CARTER TEAM AT DOS.
BELIEVES MAY BE ABLE TAKE LESS EMOTIONAL/MORE PRAGMATIC
APPROACH TO IMPROVING RELS.

READER KNIGHT WRITES TO CSM TO DECRY "GLOATING" EDITORIAL
ON SPLIT AMONG ANTIWAR ACTIVISTS.

LEHMANN-HUAPT (NYT 1/20) REVIEWS GLORIA EMERSON'S "WINNERS
AND LOSERS." NOTES BOOK MAINLY ABOUT EFFECT VN WAR ON
US PEOPLE. FINDS EMOTIONAL/SUBJECTIVE/LACKING COHERENCE/
POORLY WRITTEN/BORING.

GOLDMAN (LAT 1/19) REVIEWS FREEDOM HOUSE SURVEY THAT FOUND
1976 "VERY MIXED," W/ MOST DRAMATIC LOSS FREEDOM DUE
DESTRUCTION BY MIL COUP OF DEMOCRACY IN THAILAND. SURVEY
SAYS PROBLEM WAS UNWILLINGNESS OPPONENTS IN INCOMPLETELY
INSTITUTIONALIZED DEMOCRATIC SYSTEMS TO ACCEPT FACT THAT
IN DEMOCRACY NO GROUP GETS EVERYTHING DESIRES; MIL FAC-
TIONS USED DISORDER AS EXCUSE FOR VIOLENT RETURN TO POWER
INSTEAD OF INTERVENING ON SIDE OF ORDER.

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MORITZ (CSM 1/20) SEES RTG TRYING ADJUST TO FACT NO MORE
US TROOPS IN SEA. DETECTS SOME ELEMENTS IN THANIN GOVT
THAT WANT IMPROVED RELS W/VN TO TRY HEAD OFF OUTSIDE
SUPPORT FOR THAI COMMUNISTS. ADDS RTG HAS PUT MAIN
EMPHASIS ON IMPROVEMENT RELS W/MALAYSIA.

14. GENERAL

KEATLEY (WSJ) LOOKS OVER HAK RECORD. OPINES MOST SERIOUS
MISTAKE WAS MISJUDGMENT ABOUT WHAT US COULD/SHOULD
ACCOMPLISH IN FINAL YRS INDOCHINA WAR, W/MOST IMMEDIATE
REPERCUSSIONS IN CAMBODIA WHERE TRADITIONAL SOCIETY
DESTROYED/FANATICAL IDEOLOGUES GOT POWER. NOTES ABOVE

ALL HAK TRIED GIVE US FOPOLICY SENSE DIRECTION/PRIORITY
IN CHANGING WORLD WHERE US POWER/INFLUENCE DECLINING,
USSR GAINING MIL MIGHT, JAPAN GROWING ECONOMICALLY, CHINA
GETTING NEW GEOPOLITICAL INTERESTS. SAYS HAK LEAVES
VANCE OUTLINE FOR TACKLING PROBLEMS, INCL RELS W/EUR/
JAPAN.
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